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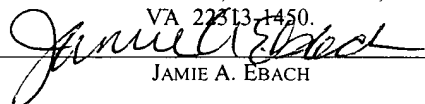
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COMPOUND AND  
METHODS OF MAKING  
AND USING SAME

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Attached hereto please find Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. It is Applicants understanding that for applications filed after June 30, 2003, the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), that a copy of each cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent application be provided, has been waived. Thus, the application having been filed after June 30, 2003, only copies of the non-U.S. patent references and other documents are provided herewith. The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of each reference by initialing in the appropriate box for each reference, and returning an initialed copy with the next Official Action.

Applicants would also like to bring to the attention of the Examiner, the following co-pending patent applications. These are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and the Examiner is requested to consider these and make of record in the application:

U.S. Serial No. 10/676,142, filed September 30, 2003, entitled "LIQUID  
TONERS COMPRISING ORGANIC PIGMENTS AND METHODS"  
(SAM0018/US); and

U.S. Serial No. 10/676,140, filed September 30, 2003, entitled "IONICALLY COMPLEXED COLORANTS AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING SAME" (SAM0020/US).

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Respectfully Submitted,

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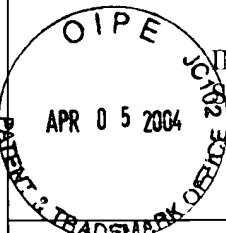


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